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Councilmember Floreen Hails Revised Growth Policy

"The revised Annual Growth Policy that we passed this morning will help unclog our roads and ease overcrowding in our schools. We tightened the transportation tests, and are focusing on overcrowded intersections – where drivers' feet hit the brakes and their tempers hit the boiling point. And we eliminated exemptions that permitted developers to avoid paying impact taxes.

"We also improved the schools test. We abolished the much-maligned 'borrowing,' where schools in one cluster were not considered over-crowded if schools in an adjacent cluster had extra space. And we're calling a halt to development in areas where projected enrollment exceeds 110% of school capacity.

"Most significantly, we enacted transportation and school` impact taxes that are projected to generate more than \$44 million for new roads, transit and schools. This is a tremendous victory for all residents who want to travel around the County or in the schoolhouse.

"The AGP isn't a panacea. Too much of our congestion comes from factors beyond our control, including commuters from neighboring counties and municipalities such as Gaithersburg and Rockville, who aren't governed by our rules. But I'm confident that today's action will lead to real progress."

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